

PETERSBURG.
THE MANCHESTER COTTON-MILLS—AN EFFORT TO RAISE MONEY TO RESUME OPERATIONS—CONVENTS IN ROUTE—TEMPERANCE MEETINGS—MORRIS STREET RAILROAD ARRIVED—ANNIVERSARY SERMON—TOMORROW SHIPMENTS.

At an adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Manchester Cotton-mills was held this afternoon at the office of the president, Mr. J. J. Friend. The meeting was called to order by the president, and the session lasted two hours, during which the condition of the company and the future policy of the company were considered. It was finally agreed to call a meeting of the stockholders for the 10th of September, at which time a committee of five stockholders shall be named to carry on the operations of the mill. The amount designated for the purpose is \$50,000, which will pay off the debt of the company and furnish capital for the resumption of operations. The committee will also have to consider the question of the mortgage on the mill. The meeting was adjourned for two weeks to await the report of the committee.

The sheriff of Dinwiddie county arrived in town today, having in custody three persons who were sentenced to the penitentiary at the late term of the court. They were taken over to Richmond in the morning. All were convicted of grand larceny. Their names and terms of imprisonment are: Charles Brown, four years and six months; Lewis Walker, four years; and James Smith, two years.

The sheriff of Dinwiddie county passed through Richmond today with Adeline Brown, a woman convicted of the crime of seduction to death, and sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

The Friends of Temperance are holding a meeting to-day at a few miles from the city. The object of the meeting is to raise money for the purchase of a new building for the use of the society. The meeting is expected to be a successful one.

Two small schooners, bearing about 400 tons of coal, arrived in the harbor this morning. They are discharging their cargoes at the wharves. The schooners are from the Pennsylvania Coal Company, and are being sent up the river.

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THE OFFICIAL DISAPPEARANCE.—It is a remarkable fact that a Government clerk who had been for the past several years working for an ungrateful Government. On the 10th of October next nearly six hundred men holding official positions must necessarily retire therefrom, on account of being legislated out of office by the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill. The heads of each department are endeavoring to have as many clerks as possible voluntarily relinquish their places, offer two months' pay in advance and an immediate acceptance of their resignations to such as will take advantage of the invitation. Despite this very favorable proposition, not over fifty in the aggregate have accepted it. Meanwhile those remaining are beseeching all the political influence at their command to have their resignations accepted. The result is that the heads of departments are extremely harassed and annoyed by the pressure brought on persons without to save from the official axe their friends within, and to such an extent that the public business suffers materially. Secretary Morrill, not being hardened to such a state of distress, has allowed his sympathies to make way with his feelings, and as a consequence has almost been made sick by the importunings upon him. The hardest pressure which is encountered comes from the female employees. They exhort every means at their command, and failing in this, give way to woman's tears. Correspondence of the *Baltimore American* (Republican).

CAPTAIN EDWIN LEE LIGHTFOOT.—We regret to announce the death of this well-known citizen, which occurred in Nansemond county, at the residence of his mother, Mrs. J. A. Lightfoot, on Tuesday morning, August 22nd, 1876. Captain Lightfoot was the son of Dr. Samuel Lightfoot, deceased, and was born in this city in 1828. Previous to the war he was attached to the United States Navy, and when hostilities commenced he was stationed on the ship *Albatross*, which he had just arrived from the Mediterranean. He left her, and after many mishaps and narrow escapes, reached this city, where he at once entered the Confederate service, being placed in charge of the picket-boat S. S. Anderson, attached to the signal corps. Under the command of Major J. F. Milligan, he fought the battle of the North River, and was killed on the 22nd of July, 1862. His remains were buried in the James river at the Appomattox, where he was used as a dispatch-boat for the independent signal corps. Under the command of the late Captain Samuel Wood, Captain Lightfoot joined Lieutenant Woodley's signal corps, in which he served until the surrender. When he returned home, and after then he had been employed as pilot on the Norfolk and Portsmouth and Percey ferries. His death was unexpected, as he was in excellent health when he left for the visit to his relatives, in Nansemond, a few weeks ago. *Norfolk Virginian*.

THE CHEAPENING OF GAS.—According to the Chicago papers the authorities of that badly-governed city have determined to make a strong fight for cheap gas, where they have also tolerably cheap coal. They have concluded in future to pay no more than \$1.50 per thousand feet. Unless the companies comply with this reduction by the 1st of September the existing contracts are to be abrogated, and the Mayor and Controller are directed then to advertise for bids to light the city with coal, oil, petroleum, or any other illuminating agency; said bids to be submitted to the Council, who shall determine how and in what manner the streets and public buildings shall be lighted, and after the same shall be determined, the city shall be lighted at the lowest bidder. This is a like a rather wild scheme, however, and as if there was a want of practical qualities in Chicago councilmen as there is in that of Baltimore.

In this connection it is worthy to note that the returns of the various gas companies in New York to the Board of Assessors show that the value of their personal property for this year is estimated at \$1,750,000 against \$2,439,014 last year. The New York *Tribune* says this diminution is due principally to the substitution of kerosene oil for gas, which has been largely made in stores and private residences during the past year. *Baltimore Sun*.

AMERICAN BEEF IN ENGLAND.—The New York *Herald* states that intelligence has been received that the beef which was shipped from the Jersey City abattoir to England by the steamer *Abyssinian* arrived in an excellent condition, and brought good prices in the London and Liverpool markets. The meat was fresh and tender as it killed only two days previously, and the English cattle merchants were amazed. The American beef was rapidly bought up at less than half the price charged for English beef. Now that regular ice compartments have been provided on certain steamers, arrangements are being made for shipping five hundred cattle a week to England.

SUMAC.—Messrs. Edgar Allan & Co., of this town, have already shipped nearly a quarter of a million pounds of sumac during the present season. Hon. W. Allan was better employed in packing sumac than he would have been had he attended exclusively to Radical conventions. *Farmville Mercury*.

THE DESTROYER OF THE DESTROYER.—A gentleman who sends us a specimen of the minute-infested grasshopper, and if you will examine beneath its wings you will find a number of red flies, which are fast destroying all the pests in the neighborhood. The man who found the grasshopper was a farmer, and he says that the flies are so numerous beneath them, that he killed only two days previously, and the English cattle merchants were amazed. The American beef was rapidly bought up at less than half the price charged for English beef. Now that regular ice compartments have been provided on certain steamers, arrangements are being made for shipping five hundred cattle a week to England.

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CURRENT EVENTS.
OUR REVENUE COLLECTORS.
SOME CHANGES PROPOSED.
MR. RUSSELL IN DANGER.
HON. W. R. TERRY DEFEATED.
GENERAL PRIDEMORE THE NOMINEE.
Grant at the Centennial.
BATTLE WITH THE INDIANS.
COLLAPSE IN COAL.
THE PAPAL SUCCESSION.
FAILURES IN ENGLAND.
FALL SESSION OF PARLIAMENT.
A PRINCIPAL TOUR.
GAMBETTA ASKED TO RESIGN.

WASHINGTON, August 24.—There is no intention at the Internal Revenue Office to consolidate the collection districts of Staunton and Richmond. There is some agitation about the collectorship at Richmond, and the President and Commissioner are being importuned to have a change made. No determination has been reached. The Department seems to be somewhat embarrassed on the subject. Perhaps a transfer will be made by the collector who has been retained in the consolidated Fifth and Seventh districts going to Richmond, and the collector of the Third district entering upon duty in the newly made district.

In a day or two Judge Taft will issue election instructions to marshals throughout the country. The design, of course, is to affect only the South by the marshal's being directed to call upon the military whenever in his judgment it is necessary. The War Department and the Department of Justice are working quietly together in this business.

Judge Taft will start for Ohio on campaign business as soon as matters are put in shape for the South.

QUITE A DIFFERENT ACCOUNT.
STANTON, VA., August 24.—Mr. Botts was informed in Washington yesterday that he was appointed collector of the Richmond district.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING IN BATH COUNTY.—DELEGATES ELECTED TO STANTON CONVENTION.

WARM SPRINGS, VA., August 24.—After the adjournment of the court here to-day the Conservatives of Bath held a large and enthusiastic meeting in the court-house, Colonel W. H. Terrill presiding.

Colonel Riddellbarger, the Conservative congressional elector for this district, made a speech of great force for Tilden and Hendricks, the reform candidates. He was followed by Colonel James Skinner, of Staunton; Mr. Terrell, of Rockbridge; and the present congressman, Hon. J. T. Harris, in speeches bidding for the nomination for Congress.

Delegates were nominated to the Staunton convention, which meets on the 1st of September. They were uninstructed, but are known to be Harris men.

THE CONTEST IN THE NINTH DISTRICT.—GENERAL A. L. PRIDEMORE NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS—A TILDEN AND HENDRICKS CLUB DEMONSTRATION.

ABINGDON, August 24.—General A. L. Pridemore, of Lee county, was nominated on the seventh ballot at 4 o'clock this evening as the Conservative candidate for Congress from the Ninth district. The utmost harmony and good feeling prevailed during the entire Convention.

After the nomination speeches were made by General Pridemore, Judge Campbell, Professor Buchanan, General Ronald, General Pridemore, and General Walker.

Colonel Richardson previous to declaring the Convention adjourned made a speech, which was well received.

The Tilden and Hendricks Club are having a torch-light procession, and speeches have been made by a number of prominent gentlemen.

TOLLEDO, August 24.—Frank Hurd (Democrat) has been renominated for Congress.

THE GUBERNATORIAL CONTEST IN MISSOURI.
ST. LOUIS, August 24.—The Republican State Committee held a secret meeting this morning to consider what should be done following the declaration of Finkelnburg as a candidate for Governor. It is understood that three prominent members of the committee were appointed to wait upon Finkelnburg and again urge him to accept the nomination, and that the mission proved successful. This, however, is not officially announced.

Later.—G. A. Finkelnburg consents to be the Republican candidate for Governor of this State.

THE REGATTA AT PHILADELPHIA.
PHILADELPHIA, August 24.—There was an immense attendance at the regatta to-day. The single-screw race between Ackerman, of the *Alatantas*, and Yates, of the *Union Springs*, was won by the latter. The two-screw race between the *Union Springs* and the *Alatantas* was contested by crews of Columbia College and *Alatantas*. It commenced badly, and the boats fouled soon after the start. One of the *Alatantas* men was seized with cramp, and the race was over.

COAL-DEALERS' TROUBLES IN PENNSYLVANIA.
PHILADELPHIA, August 24.—The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company issued a notice to-day that all their outstanding contracts for coal may be annulled at the option of the purchaser, thus giving all coal dealers an opportunity to buy on the same footing.

TENNESSEE PAST-DUE COUPONS TO BE PAID.
NASHVILLE, August 24.—The State Controller published a notice to-day that past-due coupons (July, 1876) of bonds of this State, with outstanding coupons (July, 1876, and January, 1877), will be paid on and after the 15th proximo at the Fourth National Bank of New York or the State Treasurer's office in Nashville.

THE REMAINS OF THE LATE SPEAKER KERR.
NEW ALBANY, August 24.—Immense crowds visited the court-house to-day, where the remains of the late Speaker Kerr were lying in state. Every evidence of respect and sincere regret was exhibited. The funeral will take place to-morrow.

POTOMAC KEYS RACES.
POUGHKEEPSIE, August 24.—The postponed 242 race was delayed to-day. Eight heats were trotted altogether. Surgo won two straight heats to-day, thus winning the race; Adelaide second, Sensation third. Time of last heats, 2:24 and 2:25.

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